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### III. Rejection of claims

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10, 22-29, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Hedberg (U.S. 6,411,275) in view of Suso (U.S. 6,069,648). The Examiner also has rejected claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Hedberg in view of Suso and Sekine (U.S. 5,861,916).

The attached Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 establishes that Applicant had conceived the subject matter recited in the pending claims in this country prior to prior to Hedberg's effective filing date (i.e., December 23, 1998) and diligently reduced this subject matter to practice from a time prior to Hedberg's effective filing date up to the date of reduction to practice, at least to the extent of the pertinent portion of Hedberg's disclosure relied upon by the Examiner.

The attached Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131 includes the dates of acts relied upon to establish diligence, as requested by the Examiner in the Office action dated March 15, 2004.

Therefore, Hedberg is not prior art and the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-10, 22-29, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Hedberg in view of Suso should be withdrawn. For the same reason, the Examiner's rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Hedberg in view of Suso and Sekine should be withdrawn.

### IV. Conclusion

For the reasons explained above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and should be allowed.

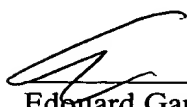
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